

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
of
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951

December 1, 1951

To the Chairman and Members of the
State Highway Department
Dover, Delaware

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit herewith a report of the activities of the Motor Vehicle Division of the State Highway Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951.

Respectfully,
H. H. KELLER
Motor Vehicle Commissioner

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The Motor Vehicle Division respectfully directs your attention to the many improvements made in the system during the past year.

Our latest addition to the system is the "Scotchliting" of the stainless steel figures on the plates. We have received many inquiries from other States and foreign territories about our "Scotchlite" plates. These figures are very easy to read at night and also act as a safety device as they attract attention many feet from the car.

It is interesting to note that the State of Delaware, using permanent registration plates and inserts, have saved many tons of steel during the present emergency period when this steel is so badly needed for our country's defense.

There were seventeen bills and amendments, of vital importance to this Division, passed by the 1951 General Assembly and approved by the Governor. Three of these are of outstanding importance:

1. All operators and chauffeurs licenses are now issued on the birth date of the applicant, for a two-year period, at a cost of \$2.50. This eliminates the May 31st rush as has happened in the past, and now there are new applicants every day in the year which gives the License Bureau a chance to review and estimate whether or not that person has a right to continue to hold Delaware driver's license. We feel this will help us in our Driver Improvement program. This law becomes effective January 1, 1952.

2. This is the Safety Responsibility Law which provides for the proof of Financial Responsibility in case of an automobile accident involving a loss of \$100.00 or more. This act of legislature is to protect everyone in Delaware against financially irresponsible owners and operators of motor vehicles who become involved in accidents. It also promotes street and highway safety by facilitating the State ability to remove habitual accident causers from behind the wheel. Enforcement begins automatically on January 1, 1952.

3. This third amendment provides for the transfer of registration plates and number plates. In the past many car owners wished to retain their tag which was done by securing an out-of-State title which automatically "killed" that tag number in Delaware. Afterward they would purchase a new car and were permitted to retain the same tag. By this old system the State of Delaware lost many thousands of dollars to our neighboring States. The new law

gives the owner the privilege of retaining his tag by paying the \$5.00 fee which will benefit the State financially and please many of our registrants.

The inspection of motor vehicles has been an outstanding program since 1929 and has continued to improve. This system, as used in our State, we feel, is the most practical system for the protection of the people and their vehicles. Many people buy cars in other States but will not complete the deal until they are sure it will pass the Delaware safety inspection.

The National Safety Council awarded the State of Delaware a plastic glass shield, mounted on a square oak plaque, for having had less than 4% of its accidents due to defective automobiles. This plaque was accepted by Governor Carvel in one of the largest Delaware Safety Council meetings of the year. The meeting was held at Wilmington, Delaware on September 20, 1952 and all adjoining States were invited to this outstanding Safety Council luncheon.

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
Annual Report of Vehicles Examined at the
Wilmington, Dover and Georgetown Lanes
July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951

Closing

Approved on Initial Examination	73,282
Approved on Re-Examination	15,222
Total to Date	89,175
Rejected on Initial Examination	13,757
Rejected on Re-Examination	218

Reasons for Rejections

Tires	152
Alin.	887
St. Oper.	1,914
Dimensions	17
Plates	75
Glass	2,297
W W Vision	40
Horn	111
Windshield	31
Mirror	23
Exhaust	59
Misc.	71
Hd. Lights	3,197
Dr. Lights	737
C. P. B. Output	401
P. & O. Lights	231
R. & S. Lights	2,522
Bulbs	163
Wir. & Sw.	7
Reflectors	77
Div. Sig.	37
Ser. Br.	745
Park. Br.	492
Br. Equal.	434
P. & L. Reserve	63
Door & Latch	76

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
APPROXIMATE NO. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
Fiscal Year Ended June 30th—
(Comparative)

1949	1950	% of Increase over 1949	1951	% of Increase over 1949	% of Increase over 1950
342,393	388,841	+13.5%	417,919	+22.5%	+7.4%

APPROXIMATE NO. BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
Fiscal Year Ended June 30th—
(Classified by Departments)

Registrations		Oper., Chauff. & App.		Miscellaneous		Titles, etc.		Totals	
1949	1951	1949	1951	1949	1951	1949	1951	1949	1951
127,661	157,912	109,378	122,969	15,755	16,690	89,599	120,348	342,393	417,919
+30,251		+13,591		+935		+30,749		+75,526	

Percentage of Increase in Grand Total of Business Transactions for fiscal year ended June 30, 1951 over
fiscal year ended June 30, 1949 22.5%

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE
7-1-49 to 6-30-50 and 7-1-50 to 6-30-51

	1949-1950	1950-1951	1950-1951 Increase	1950-1951 Decrease
Registrations				
Pleasures (1 yr.)	\$671,126.50	\$ 750,350.00	\$ 79,223.50	
Pleasures (½ yr.)	16,036.00	18,525.00	2,489.00	
Pleasures (¼ yr.)	1,097.00	1,038.00		\$ 59.00
Commercials (1 yr.)	523,994.04	575,212.18	51,218.14	
Commercials (½ yr.)	83,443.50	86,726.64	3,283.14	
Commercials (¼ yr.)	5,607.94	4,748.51		859.43
Trailers (1 yr.)	85,021.38	103,696.75	18,675.37	
Trailers (½ yr.)	23,011.50	21,461.50		1,550.00
Trailers (¼ yr.)	1,225.40	859.13		366.27
Tractors	1,262.75	1,275.00	12.25	
Motorcycles (1 yr.)	2,574.50	2,382.00		192.50
Motorcycles (½ yr.)	9.00	9.00		
Farm Trucks (1 yr.)	29,940.38	39,221.77	9,281.39	
Farm Trucks (½ yr.)	196.00	811.25	615.25	
Dealers	11,298.00	11,156.00		142.00
Extra Wgt., etc.	3,225.00	2,388.66		836.34
Total	\$ 1,459,068.89	\$ 1,619,861.39	\$ 164,798.04	\$ 4,005.54
Operators				
Annual Operators, Chauffeurs and Applications	114,241.00	119,978.00	5,737.00	
Permanent Operators and Chauffeurs	10,505.00	14,585.00	4,080.00	
Total	\$ 124,746.00	\$ 134,563.00	\$ 9,817.00	
Titling Department				
New Car Titles	20,358.00	21,180.00	822.00	
Used Car Titles	42,722.00	47,075.00	4,353.00	
Corr. Titles	2,923.00	2,916.00		7.00
Dup. Titles	820.50	802.50		18.00
Liens	12,711.50	12,818.50	107.00	
Satisfactions	4,219.75	4,904.25	684.50	
Supp. Titles	1,455.00	1,872.00	417.00	
Total	\$ 85,209.75	\$ 91,568.25	\$ 6,383.50	\$ 25.00

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE
7-1-49 to 6-30-50 and 7-1-50 to 6-30-51—(Continued)

	1949-1950	1950-1951	1950-1951 Increase	1950-1951 Decrease
Miscellaneous				
Lost Tags	3,784.50	2,745.00		1,039.50
Duplicate Cards	4,792.50	5,296.00	503.50	
Exch. Oper. Cards ...	751.50	595.50		156.00
Reference Money	1,549.00	1,526.95		22.05
Lost Inserts	101.50	51.00		50.50
Temporary Veh. Permits	5,697.00	6,071.00	374.00	
Bad Check Collections	182.00	224.50	42.50	
Tag Retainers' Fees..		555.00	555.00	
Total	\$ 16,858.00	\$ 17,064.95	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 1,268.05
Overage & Surcharge	\$309.17	—\$109.97		\$419.14
Total	\$309.17	—\$109.97		\$419.14

SUMMARIZED COMPARISONS OF REVENUE

Fiscal Years Ending 1950 and 1951

	1949-1950	1950-1951	1950-1951 Increase	1950-1951 Decrease
Registrations	\$ 1,459,068.89	\$ 1,619,861.39	\$160,792.50	
Annual Operators, Chaufeurs & Applications	114,241.00	119,978.00	5,737.00	
Permanent Operators and Chauffeurs ..	10,505.00	14,585.00	4,080.00	
Titling	85,209.75	91,568.25	6,358.50	
Miscellaneous	16,858.00	17,064.95	206.95	
Overage & Surcharge	309.17	-109.97		419.14
Total	\$ 1,686,191.81	\$ 1,862,947.62	\$177,174.95	\$419.14
Deduct 1949-1950 Total	1,686,191.81			
Deduct 1950-1951 Decrease			419.14	
Equals 1950-1951 Net Increase...	\$	176,755.81	\$176,755.81	

The following refunds were deducted:

	1949-1950	1950-1951
Registrations	\$15,908.25	\$18,897.66
Annual Operators, Chauffeurs & Applications	33.00	55.00
Permanent Operators & Chauffeurs	555.00	95.00
Duplicate Cards	19.00	25.50
Reference Money		9.00
New Car, Used Car, Supp. & Corr. Titles...	34.00	24.00
Dup. Titles	8.50	7.50
Liens	13.50	6.50
Exchange Operators	2.50	.50
Lost Tags	2.00	3.00
Temp. Vehicle Permits	1.00	1.00
	\$16,576.75	\$19,124.66

Note: (Refund checks amounting to Two Hundred Eighty-nine Dollars and Ninety-eight cents (\$289.98) were given to Mr. Hawke to be returned to the State Treasurer for cancellation. This amount was not included in grand total of cash collections. The checks returned for cancellation covered the following: Registrations, \$285.98 — Annual Operator Renewals, \$2.00 — Used Titles, \$1.00 — Dup. Titles, \$.50 and Dup. Reg. Cards, \$.50)

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
GROSS CASH COLLECTIONS
Fiscal Year—7-1-50 to 6-30-51
(Classified by Departments)

	Mail	Dover	Wilmington	George-town	Total
Cash Collections	\$157,048.24	\$302,364.14	\$973,593.66	\$449,066.24	\$1,882,072.28
Percentages	8.3%	16.2%	51.7%	23.8%	

GROSS CASH COLLECTIONS
(Comparative)

Year	7-1-49 to 6-30-50	7-1-50 to 6-30-51	Increase or Decrease
Cash Collections	\$1,702,768.56	\$1,882,072.28	+179,303.72

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REFUNDS
Fiscal Year

Year	7-1-49 to 6-30-50	7-1-50 to 6-30-51	Increase or Decrease
Refunds	\$16,576.75	\$19,124.66	+2,547.91

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GROSS
COLLECTIONS
Fiscal Year Ended 6-30th
(Classified by Months)

Month	1950	1951
July	\$ 95,734.60	\$ 117,592.61
August	75,654.15	85,780.46
September	255,375.86	269,019.17
October	98,875.18	116,259.28
November	47,117.03	56,726.11
December	154,456.20	129,938.77
January	109,856.00	171,221.57
February	71,875.13	81,322.53
March	326,351.19	321,440.08
April	124,751.35	160,374.01
May	129,703.79	146,839.55
June	213,018.08	225,558.14
Totals	\$ 1,702,768.56	\$ 1,882,072.28
Increase for 1951		\$179,303.72
Percentage of Increase		10.5%

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
(7-1-50 to 6-30-51)

	Mail	Dover	Wilm.	Georgetown	Total
REGISTRATIONS					
Pleasures (1 yr.)	5,604	11,653	57,104	18,472	92,833
Pleasures (½ yr.) ...	957	520	1,523	593	3,593
Pleasures (¼ yr.) ...	6	69	201	57	333
Commercials (1 yr.)..	982	3,271	9,837	4,833	18,923
Commercials (½ yr.)..	190	777	727	951	2,645
Commercials (¼ yr.)..	19	117	55	39	230
Trailers (1 yr.)	120	1,119	1,869	1,235	4,343
Trailers (½ yr.)	48	233	100	177	558
Trailers (¼ yr.)	6	20	5	13	44
Tractors	17	147	65	26	255
Motorcycles (1 yr.)...	20	78	404	99	601
Motorcycles (½ yr.)..	0	0	1	2	3
Dealers	377	121	375	415	1,288
Farm Trucks (1 yr.)..	31	811	132	1,207	2,181
Farm Trucks (½ yr.)..	0	0	0	44	44
Extra Wgt., etc.	47	65	71	94	277
Exempt	209	428	669	355	1,661
Transfers	16,696	256	9,563	1,585	28,100
Totals	25,329	19,685	82,701	30,197	157,912
OPERATORS					
Annual Operators					
(1950)	242	212	1,041	266	1,761
Annual Operators					
(1951)	10,475	9,041	42,452	16,360	78,328
Annual Chauffeurs					
(1950)	51	103	496	105	755
Annual Chauffeurs					
(1951)	2,324	4,044	10,994	6,145	23,507
Applications	0	2,379	10,354	2,949	15,682
Permanent Operators..	117	261	1,711	360	2,449
Permanent Chauffeurs	39	91	278	79	487
Totals	13,248	16,131	67,326	26,264	122,969
TITLING DEPARTMENT					
New Car Titles	6,449	444	10,723	3,575	21,191
Used Car Titles	23,950	1,211	17,524	4,401	47,086
Corr. Titles	705	429	1,054	730	2,918
Dup. Titles	1,253	10	288	69	1,620
Liens	12,174	365	9,995	3,116	25,650
Satisfactions	19,617	0	0	0	19,617
Exempt Titles	219	11	117	47	394
Supplementary	1,552	2	106	212	1,872
Totals	65,919	2,472	39,807	12,150	120,348

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
TRANSACTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
(7-1-50 to 6-30-51)—(Continued)

	Mail	Dover	Wilm.	Georgetown	Total
MISCELLANEOUS					
Lost Tags	52	493	597	621	1,763
Dup. Reg. Cds.	475	670	1,631	735	3,511
Reference Money	226	0	0	0	226
Temporary Veh.					
Permits	139	448	4,574	911	6,072
Lost Inserts	13	34	138	19	204
Bad Check Collections	24	0	0	21	45
Exch. Opr. Cards	0	276	595	321	1,192
Dup. Opr. & Chauff.					
Cards	412	604	1,808	742	3,566
Tag Retainers' Fees..	58	0	45	8	111
Totals	1,399	2,525	9,388	3,378	16,690
GRAND TOTALS					
Transactions &	105,895	40,813	199,222	71,989	417,919
Percentages	25.3%	9.7%	47.6%	17.2%	

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

AUDITING DEPT.

Approximate No. One Year and One-Half Year Registrations

Issued during Fiscal Years 7-1-49 to 6-30-50

and 7-1-50 to 6-30-51

	7-1-49 to 6-30-50	7-1-50 to 6-30-51	
CLASSIFICATION	One Year	One Year	Increase or Decrease
Pleasures	83,157	92,833	+ 9,676
Commercials	17,464	18,923	+ 1,459
Trailers	3,904	4,343	+ 439
Tractors	253	255	+ 2
Motorcycles	649	601	- 48
Dealers	1,319	1,288	- 31
Farm Trucks	1,606	2,181	+ 575
Exempt	1,482	1,661	+ 179
TOTALS	109,834	122,085	+ 12,251
Per Cent	93.9%	94.2%	

	One-Half Year	One-Half Year	
CLASSIFICATION			Increase or Decrease
Pleasures	3,130	3,593	+ 463
Commercials	2,596	2,645	+ 49
Trailers	603	558	-- 45
Tractors	0	0	0
Motorcycles	3	3	0
Dealers	0	0	0
Farm Trucks	13	44	+ 31
Exempt	0	0	0
TOTALS	6,345	6,843	+ 498
Per Cent	5.4%	5.2%	

Note: Approximately 607 registrations of various types were issued for one-quarter year during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1951, or about 5/10 of 1%. About 5/10 of 1% were issued for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1950.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.**

Approximate Distribution of Motor Vehicles in Reference to Expiration of Registration

JUNE 30, 1951 REGISTRATION AND INSERT GUIDE Expir. Period	Sussex County	Kent County	New Castle County	Total	State & Exempt	Class.	As of 7-1-50	As of 7-1-51	Increase or Decrease
Reg. Exp. 9-30-51	6,699	6,852	20,036	33,587		Pleas.	77,748	85,571	+ 10.0%
Reg. Exp. 12-31-51	5,568	5,229	13,537	24,334	1,327	Comm.	16,959	17,976	+ 6.0%
Reg. Exp. 3-31-52	8,689	7,811	21,174	37,674		Trlrs.	3,616	3,938	+ 8.9%
Reg. Exp. 6-30-52	3,531	2,789	9,461	15,781		Tractors	197	193	- 2.0%
						M-Cycles . . .	509	457	- 11.3%
						Farm Trucks	1,438	1,994	+ 38.6%
Totals	24,487	22,681	64,208	111,376	1,327	Totals . .	100,467	110,129	+ 9.6%

(Note: Dealers are not included in the above number of vehicles registered.)

APPROXIMATE NO. VEHICLES REGISTERED

As of	1948	1949	% of Increase or Decrease over 1948	1950	% of Increase or Decrease over 1948	% of Increase or Decrease over 1949	1951	% of Increase or Decrease over 1948	% of Increase or Decrease over 1950
July 1	84,900	92,129	+8.5	101,727	+19.8	+10.4	111,376	+31.1	+10.4

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
Approximate Distribution of Motor Vehicles
in Reference to Counties

CLASSIFICATION OF VEHICLES REGISTERED BY COUNTIES AS OF				
7-1-51	Sussex County	Kent County	New Castle County	TOTALS
Pleasures	17,027	15,984	52,560	85,571
Commercials	4,721	4,097	9,158	17,976
Trailers	1,130	1,167	1,641	3,938
Tractors	22	118	53	193
Motorcycles	75	68	314	457
Farm Trucks	1,110	766	118	1,994
Totals	24,085	22,200	63,844	110,129

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
APPROXIMATE NO. REGISTRATIONS ISSUED
(Classified by Expiration Period)

Ended June 30, 1951

186	Date & No.	3-31-44	36,176	6-30-44	6,067	9-30-44	28,919	12-31-44	7,097
	"	3-31-45	34,435	6-30-45	7,062	9-30-45	27,805	12-31-45	7,972
	"	3-31-46	33,564	6-30-46	8,357	9-30-46	27,779	12-31-46	9,828
	"	3-31-47	33,532	6-30-47	10,259	9-30-47	28,530	12-31-47	12,474
	"	3-31-48	34,355	6-30-48	13,214	9-30-48	29,864	12-31-48	15,397
	"	3-31-49	35,323	6-30-49	16,384	9-30-49	30,978	12-31-49	18,239
	"	3-31-50	36,139	6-30-50	20,391	9-30-50	32,382	12-31-50	22,325
	"	3-31-51	37,902	6-30-51	25,588	9-30-51	33,587	12-31-51	*

Remarks: *Registrations expiring 12-31-51 not complete on June 30, 1951, end of fiscal year, as vehicles are registered during months of October, November and December carrying an expiration date of 12-31-51.

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

AUDITING DEPT.

Approximate No. of New Car Titles and Used Car Titles Issued for Fiscal Years ending June 30

Month	NEW CAR TITLES		1950	1951	USED CAR TITLES		1950	1951
	1948	1949			1948	1949		
July	1,073	1,400	1,632	2,400	2,484	2,923	3,220	3,755
August	955	1,384	1,814	2,108	2,223	2,975	3,663	4,124
September	984	1,087	1,526	1,770	2,593	2,786	3,244	3,634
October	1,237	1,422	1,878	1,922	2,629	2,567	3,396	3,667
November	1,013	1,216	1,419	1,387	2,015	2,615	3,019	3,260
December	1,095	1,116	1,156	1,394	2,249	2,356	3,082	2,633
January	1,209	1,211	1,738	2,056	2,397	2,885	3,733	4,416
February	943	1,011	1,548	1,543	2,250	2,598	3,479	3,512
March	1,220	1,363	1,689	1,633	3,583	3,813	4,294	4,933
April	1,486	1,781	2,054	1,915	3,346	3,695	4,101	4,811
May	1,039	1,461	1,916	1,576	2,751	3,521	3,717	4,315
June	1,121	1,405	2,005	1,487	2,901	3,385	3,789	4,026
Totals	13,375	15,857	20,375	21,191	31,421	36,119	42,737	47,086
Percentage of Increase in			Percentage of Increase in					
New Car Titles over 1950			4%	Used Car Titles over 1950				
				10.1%				

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
APPROXIMATE NO. ANNUAL OPERATORS & CHAUFFEURS ISSUED (FISCAL YEAR)**

As of	1948	1949	% of Increase or Decrease over 1948	1950	% of Increase or Decrease over 1948	% of Increase or Decrease over 1949	1951	% of Increase or Decrease over 1948	% of Increase or Decrease over 1950
June 1	D 95,700	E 99,274	+3.7	F 92,817	-3.1	-6.9	G 112,570	+17.6	+21.2

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D represents (1947) Opr. & Chauff. issued as of June 1st.
E " (1948) " " " " " " " "
F " (1949) " " " " " " " "
G " (1950) " " " " " " " "

(Figures for the fiscal years set forth above have been compiled as of June 1st, as May 31st is the expiration date covering annual operators and chauffeurs.)

APPROXIMATE NO. TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION PERMIT NOS. ISSUED

Fiscal Year	July, 1949 to June, 1950 incl.	Approx. Average per Mo.	July, 1950 to June, 1951 incl.	Approx. Average per Mo.	Increase or Decrease in Average
No.	15,446	1,287	15,682	1,306	+19

Remarks: The above figures (showing the approximate number of Temporary Instruction Permits Issued) do not represent the number of examinations passed. A percentage of these permits expired.

MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
AUDITING DEPT.
APPROXIMATE NO. PERMANENT OPERATOR AND
CHAUFFEUR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
(Classified by Months and by Departments)
Fiscal Year 7-1-50 to 6-30-51

Month	Mail	Dover	Wilm.	Georgetown	Total
July	6	4	42	7	59
August	2	5	59	14	80
September	4	14	60	13	91
October	4	14	49	6	73
November	2	4	52	8	66
December	6	3	63	14	86
January	13	32	143	21	209
February	12	31	162	31	236
March	28	66	306	123	523
April	56	142	866	162	1,226
May	11	20	84	12	127
June	12	17	103	28	160
Totals	156	352	1,989	439	2,936
Percentages ...	5.3%	12%	67.7%	14.9%	

APPROXIMATE NO. PERMANENT OPERATOR
& CHAUFFEUR ISSUED

As of July 1, 1951	Permanent Operators	Permanent Chauffeurs	Totals
Applications Received	30,298	7,741	38,039
Refunds (Subtracted)	—999	—256	—1,255
Total No. Issued	29,299	7,485	36,784

DETAILED REPORT
for
The Year of July 1, 1950 to July 1, 1951

REVOCATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

Resident

242 Driving While Intoxicated
127 Rescinded (False Statement)
36 Judgment
21 Leaving the Scene of an Accident
22 Taking Car Without Owner's Consent
36 Driving During Period of Revocation
30 Failed to Renew Insurance
2 Assault and Battery by Motor Vehicle
3 Refuses Responsibility of a Minor
5 Lending License
1 Driving Tractor While Intoxicated

REINSTATEMENTS AND RELEASES

114 Reinstated Ins. Filed
34 Released 3 Yrs. Filing
64 Released 173A
37 Reinstated 173A
9 Writ Filed
19 Reinstated—Consent of Commissioner
8 Nolle Prossed
4 Reinstated—Not Responsible
3 Deceased
1 Reinstated—Uncle Signed
1 Reinstated—In Service
2 Reinstated—Dr. Tarumianz
3 Reinstated—Suspension Lifted
1 Reinstated—Rescission Cancelled
1 Reinstated—Withdrawn Charges

MISCELLANEOUS

349 Responsible
50 Out of State Convictions
14 2nd Conviction
8 3rd Conviction
1 4th Conviction

DETAILED REPORT

for

The Year of July 1, 1950 to July 1, 1951—(Continued)

REVOCATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

Non-Resident

- 50 Driving While Intoxicated
- 8 Failed to Renew
- 2 Leaving Scene of an Accident
- 2 Driving During Period of Revocation
- 1 Reckless Driving

REINSTATEMENTS AND RELEASES

- 10 Reinstated Ins. Filed
- 2 Reinstated 173A
- 2 Released 173A

MISCELLANEOUS

- 65 Responsible

ACTIVITY REPORT
for
The Year of July 1, 1950 to July 1, 1951

4,154 Letters
478 Inner-Office
741 Assignments
1,057 Change of Name by Marriage
2,550 Revocation Cards
818 Responsibility Cards
118 Title Cards
88 Certificates of Revocations
78 Copies of Arrest Reports
425 Responsibility Letters
670 Revocation Letters
148 Suspension Letters
295 Duplicate Licenses
46 Stencils
1,560 Bulletins
9,158 Information by Phone
13,497 Names on Folders
74 Exchange to Chauffeur's
103 Bills
280 Renewal Insurance
247 Original Insurance
7,037 Licenses
24 Activity Report
24 Detailed Report
47 Revocation Report
2,202 Permanent Licenses
1,779 Licenses Corrected
1,217 Correction of License Letters
5,258 Change of Address (Annual)
2,179 Change of Address (Perm.)
265 Notices to Renew Insurance
433 Taxi Cards
65 Certified Copies of Driving Record
134 Copies of Letters
900 Mimeographed Letters
225 Paid Information
82 Change of Name (Perm.)
250 Duplicate Permanents
4 Defaced Permanents
32 Corrected Permanents

STATE OF DELAWARE
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION
July 1, 1950 to July 1, 1951

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT
NEW DRIVERS LICENSED
DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATION

Lieutenant C. Preston Poore

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT REPORT

The healthy development of motor transportation, to which our economy and security are so closely geared, depends to a large degree on sound administration of the motor vehicle and driver licensing laws. No other branch of government affect the daily lives and welfare of so many citizens. Hence it would seem axiomatic that in any comprehensive program to improve the structure and operation of state government, this subject should have a prominent place.

The main purpose of licensing is to grant the privilege of driving only to those who (1) are physically capable of safe driving, (2) possess knowledge of the rules of the road, and (3) have proper attitudes.

It has often been said that in the long run, and for money expended, no other activity in a State has such an effect on preventing traffic accidents as a well administered and soundly developed driver license law.

In line with this the Driver Licensing Division of the Motor Vehicle Department during the past year has started a complete revision of this Division. Four new telebinocular machines, for testing the visual acuity of all persons making application for driver's license, were purchased and placed in operation throughout the State. The Chief Examiner attended a three weeks In-Service Training Course at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois where he was instructed in the latest techniques on administering driver licensing procedures. The Division also is taking advantage of special educational courses offered by Northeastern University at Boston, Massachusetts, where the first driver license examiner from Delaware attended a two weeks

course. These two members will act as instructors at the In-Service Training School which all examiners will be required to attend. High standards of examinations are generally reflected in better state safety record and reduction of economic losses. The Driver Licensing Division is aiming toward that goal.

STATE OF DELAWARE **DRIVER IMPROVEMENT BUREAU**

July 1st, 1950 to July 1st, 1951

CASES REVIEWED	1413	AGE GROUP	
		Teens	150
CASES REQUIRING ACTION. 1413		Twenties	663
Accidents	447	Thirties	305
Repeated Violators	93	Forties	149
Bad Driving Record	724	Fifties	95
Misc. Cases	149	Sixties	28
	<u>1413</u>	Seventies	20
		Eighties	3
		Nineties	0
RE-EXAMINATIONS	475		<u>1413</u>
Passed	463		
Failed	12		
FORM LETTERS MAILED....	724	MALE	1376
No. 1 Letter	622	FEMALE	37
No. 2 Letter	102		<u>1413</u>
No. 3 Letter	93		
Accident Letter	447		
Special Letter	149		
INTERVIEWS	477		
CASES REFERRED TO		WHITE	1044
COMMISSIONER	321	COLORED	368
Drivers Put On Probation..	143	Indian	1
Licenses Suspended	178		<u>1413</u>
TOTAL NUMBER OF LETTERS REQUIRED TO			
COMPLETE THE ABOVE CASES	2614		
THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY MANDATORY REVOCATIONS			

DRIVER IMPROVEMENT BUREAU

		Cases for Action	Acc.	Repeated Violators	Bad Driv. Record	Misc. Cases	Exam.	Interviews	Suspensions	Probation
1944	165	23	9	177	7	25	30	11	5
1945	418	65	28	308	17	92	99	21	12
1946	584	129	31	406	18	172	174	60	36
1947	793	172	43	542	36	244	236	109	70
1948	1007	250	105	562	90	431	403	172	90
1949	1014	316	102	467	129	471	460	183	109
1950	1146	366	79	571	130	474	474	146	144
1951	1413	447	93	724	149	475	477	178	143

STATE OF DELAWARE
NEW DRIVERS LICENSED
July 1st, 1950 to July 1st, 1951

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

New Drivers	4581	
Out of State	4079	
Lapsed License	322	
Reckless Driving	1	
Driving Drunk	56	
		9039

KENT COUNTY

New Drivers	1132	
Out of State	768	
Lapsed License	96	
Reckless Driving	3	
Driving Drunk	26	
		2025

SUSSEX COUNTY

New Drivers	1440	
Out of State	1012	
Lapsed License	68	
Reckless Driving	0	
Driving Drunk	24	
		2544

TOTAL		13608
* New Drivers	7153	
† Out of State	5859	
‡ Lapsed License	486	
§ Reckless Driving	4	
£ Driving Drunk	106	
		13608

* Never licensed before
† Had valid license from another state
‡ Waited more than one year before obtaining license
§ License had been revoked for three convictions
£ License had been revoked

STATE OF DELAWARE
DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS
DAILY SUMMARY

July 1st, 1950 to July 1st, 1951

Office State

July 17th, 1951

EXAMINATIONS REQUIRED

	1	2	3	4	5		
Vision	18,514	9				Passed	18,523
	266					Failed	266
Road Signs	18,298	9				Passed	18,307
	22	1				Failed	23
Road Rules	16,715	192				Passed	16,907
	1,428	5				Failed	1,433
Driving	7,051	55	4			Passed	7,110
	400	13	1			Failed	414

EXAMINATIONS GIVEN 26,111
 Passed operator test13,260
 Passed chauffeur test1,601
 Failed test2,138
 Driving permits issued.....8,568
 Taxicab drivers544

26,111

LICENSES ISSUED:

Annual
 operator12,722
 chauffeur646
 Permanent
 operator0
 chauffeur0

ORIGINAL APPLICANTS 7,983

EXCHANGE OF LICENSE:

Delaware operator to
 chauffeur1,164
 New residents obtaining
 Delaware driver's license.5,243

REQUIRED GLASSES ...3,470

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS

 D. E. T.359
 Taxi359

DAILY RECEIPTS

EXAMINER

DRIVING TEST GIVEN ...7,517

AGE GROUPS

Teens6,620
 Twenties10,104
 Thirties5,432
 Forties2,477
 Fifties1,081
 Sixties340
 Seventies56
 Eighties1
 Nineties0

26,111

COLOR:

White22,270
 Black3,815
 Others26

26,111

Male15,132
 Female10,979

26,111

RE-EXAMINATIONS FOR:

Accidents15
 Leaving scene12
 Drunken driving70
 Reckless driving5
 Others7

Total109